

Those present:

Louis Linkel

Robert Brack

Thomas Wilson

Franklin County Auditor:

Carol L. Monroe

\*Louis Linkel opens with pledge of allegiance

- I. Recorder going “on line”
  - a. Mary Seufert – wanting to go online with documents. It doesn’t cost me anything to go on line and I will still get my \$1.00. Gave Gene (Stewart) one to read and need to get his ok. I will have to have an enhancement fund where this money would go in. They charge \$39.99 per month for an abstractor to look from their office (and) I am not having to use my paper, etc. When we move ( to Government Center) it will help. (When you first pull it up) It just gives enough information to let them know that is what they want, but if they want to buy it, they have to put in their number (then they can print it out).
  - b. Joe Gillespie – so you can just look at the index (if you do not have an account)?
  - c. Mary Seufert – yes.
  - d. Louis Linkel – if Gene (Stewart) thinks it is ok-
  - e. Robert Brack – sounds good
- II. Commissioners Council on Historic Metamora (Update-*continued below*)
  - a. Marc Stringer – main purpose (here) is just for some dialogue. A couple of things specifically = #1-last year at this time there were three seats expiring and there were four nominations and there were some reservations. Unfortunately, it got in the newspaper, inferred negative things, and have since proven unfounded/without-good basis. Was hoping the newspaper would have rescinded what was said. Price, Joe, and Candy took it quite personal, as they should being called criminals. The whole council was indicted in the newspaper. Price and Joe were reappointed by you (Commissioners). #2-this month’s meeting we will take nominations for the seats that are expiring and will get the towns endorsement. We are hoping to get seven or eight nominations and hopefully the top four would get the (Commissioners) nominations. Do we have four or five seats open (one of them will be a seat that will expire next year/previously Candy’s seat)
  - b. Louis Linkel – questions if Candy will be on this list
  - c. Marc Stringer – don’t know
  - d. Louis Linkel – (I) personally depend on these people
  - e. Marc Stringer – #3-question on eligibility=there are four criteria (refer to County Ordinance 2004-09). The first one doesn’t say you have to be a resident of Indiana.
  - f. Robert Brack – do you think they should?
  - g. Price Cox- personally feel they should because we have so many come and go
  - h. Louis Linkel – could amend that if you want
  - i. Marc Stringer – we don’t speak as one voice because I would want the flexibility. There are some good candidates that could be on the board (in Duck Creek). Maybe the most straightforward thing is, if it is a loop hole than close it. If we want to make an exception, could you?
  - j. Robert Brack – no
  - k. Thomas Wilson – it says we could appoint non-voting members. I would rather them be a resident of the state of Indiana.
  - l. Marc Stringer - #4-the only other thing there is a buggy operation and the camper is within 20 feet of 52.
  - m. Price Cox- they are living in it on the weekend and sometimes through the week
  - n. Marc Stringer – they are good characters
  - o. Thomas Wilson – me and Larry (Franzman) were down there last weekend.
  - p. Price Cox – we lost a lot of credibility on the newspaper article and people feel we are not the people they need to see.
  - q. Robert Brack – the lady that came in this week, that is what we told her (to go to your board)
  - r. Price Cox – if you let her have a deck then anyone could build a deck
  - s. Thomas Wilson – the only reason she wants it is to get to the roof and maybe drink coffee. Everyone else around town that has a deck has a door or window.
  - t. Marc Stringer – (property owner also want to) sun bathe.
  - u. Price Cox – if you folks stand behind the (our) decision they will (eventually) get the point.
  - v. Thomas Wilson – told Larry (Franzman) to help you guys as much as he could
  - w. Marc Stringer – there is another signage problem down toward the aqueduct (according to Jean Owens) but I have not seen it myself.
  - x. Price Cox – a lot of times (on the signage thing) all it takes is you folks saying that is right then that is it.
  - y. Marc Stringer – the next step would be to impose a fine (for those who don’t abide). I don’t want to make an example of anyone
  - z. Robert Brack – it will be a while for people to come to your side.
  - aa. Price Cox – there are law abiding citizens and you always have those three or four.
  - bb. Louis Linkel – when they find out we are backing you.
  - cc. Marc Stringer – happy about Canoe Fest.
- III. National Scenic byways/DOT (Indiana bypass)
  - a. Thomas Wilson – questions if anyone knows
  - b. Price Cox – don’t know much, but sounds like it would be a good thing countywide. Seems to be a lot of people away from here that is really interested in helping getting this thing going.
  - c. Thomas Wilson – was told it would open up a lot of monies
  - d. Price Cox – you have got to get in there and work at it. If you pay attention to any other towns like Madison, they always have the big ads in the big magazines. You can buy those five and ten thousand ads if you have the money.
  - e. Thomas Wilson – was told the County Commissioners didn’t support it but we didn’t know anything about it.
  - f. Marc Stringer – it is for people who want to take scenic byways
  - g. Price Cox – like route 40
  - h. Robert Brack – so 52, would be an asset
  - i. Marc Stringer – (according to newspaper) people who have property along this would be eligible for (various) funds.
  - j. Robert Brack – believes it is a great thing
  - k. Louis Linkel – it would be an asset
  - l. Price Cox – this isn’t something that is going to happen in the next ¾ months
  - m. Marc Stringer – the “I Believe” campaign would like the old home depot be the ground zero. There is opportunity.
  - n. Robert Brack – just heard a little bit about it
  - o. Thomas Wilson – I am all for it.
- IV. Commissioners Council on Historic Metamora (*continued*)
  - a. Marc Stringer – questions why (empty from last year) seat was not filled
  - b. Thomas Wilson – we were told the board would function better without that one (member)
  - c. Robert Brack – we have not gotten any complaints on any other problems
  - d. Louis Linkel – we will base part of our opinion on what happens

- e. Thomas Wilson – we think Metamora is a good thing and sometimes we might do things expediently and will support you anyway I can. If you have problems and cannot get them resolved - call. I told Larry (Franzman) this morning about the camper
- f. Price Cox – we still have one (shop owner) who still puts everything on the porch.
- g. Marc Stringer – it looks like the flea market just south of town.
- h. Robert Brack – sure your bylaws will be tested in a court of law.
- V. Weekly Highway Engineer Report, George Hartman
  - a. Stone House Road Slope Stabilization (FEMA #1573 – DW #495)
    - i. Last week Commissioners signed contract
    - ii. See photo
    - iii. Just a matter of getting rip rap and rock in place
  - b. Castle Road over McCarty’s Run (Bridge #1401) Low Water Crossing
    - i. Reviewed spread sheet – see attached
    - ii. Quantities if fairly close
    - iii. Cost really depends on bids (flip tape)
    - iv. Should not be a lot of county highway work involved except for maybe a temporary crossing
  - c. H.E.S. (Hazard Elimination Safety) Grant
    - i. Trying to come up with figure for equipment – see fax (book was about four years old)
    - ii. Doug Dagley – couldn’t get hands on a current book (they are about 4-5 thousand). Looking at about \$9.00 per hour.
    - iii. Thomas Wilson – on this labor
    - iv. Doug Dagley – they are using labor plus overhead. We need to get this truck taken care of.
    - v. Thomas Wilson – motions if we have the funds for Louis Linkel to buy us a truck
    - vi. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
    - vii. Louis Linkel – all in favor
    - viii. Thomas Wilson – we will more or less be renting it (truck) back to them
    - ix. Robert Brack – you will get you money back
  - d. Farrar and Garvey Bridge I and II Inspection Agreement
    - i. See attached
    - ii. Louis Linkel motions to sign – this isn’t going to pin us down
    - iii. Doug Dagley – I would be afraid to do it in the past.
    - iv. Robert Brack – we have never agreed to the structure (Bridge #144)
    - v. Doug Dagley – you are not changing anything
    - vi. Thomas Wilson – if something happened to that bridge we would have to sell the county
    - vii. Louis Linkel – rescinds motion
    - viii. Robert Brack – need attorney to look at this first, don’t want to take action. In 1996, we made it very clear we did not own the bridge but we were to do the inspection.
  - e. Stockpile Road low water crossing (in 2000 it was in inventory as Bridge #168)
    - i. See photos
    - ii. NE opening is 6 foot / SW opening is 6 foot 4 inches / center support opening 8 foot wide
    - iii. Due to center support and openings were larger then it would qualify
    - iv. Would replace opening (west side of structure)
    - v. Maybe remove half of center support
    - vi. Would need 8 beams 22 -24 foot long
    - vii. Right now potential for flooding
    - viii. Wider opening would improve flow
    - ix. Thomas Wilson – it is a hazard, people can go around, but-
    - x. Louis Linkel – it is going to be a problem with the funds this year.
  - f. (County) Maps
    - i. Doug Dagley – brought samples of maps and a contract
    - ii. George – Carol (Monroe) brought this up last week
    - iii. Robert Brack – we will take this over with the surveyor
    - iv. Doug Dagley – the individual that did this (current county map) has pasted on but there are families so we need to worry about copy write (tape 2)
- VI. E. R. A. Request
  - a. Sharon Halcomb – has a resolution from the city of Batesville wanting a retroactive 1-1-05 to 12-31-05 era. Didn’t think I had any authority and didn’t think you could go back and ask permission to give it to Gene (Stewart)
  - b. Robert Brack – absolutely
  - c. Louis Linkel – that is the thing to do
- VII. Minutes (June 12, 2006)
  - a. Louis Linkel motions to approve
  - b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
  - c. Robert Brack – all in favor
- VIII. Treasurer Report (May 2006)
  - a. Louis Linkel questions why we have x’s
  - b. Robert Brack – questions treasurer and these are outdated forms
  - c. Louis Linkel motions to approve
  - d. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
  - e. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- IX. Payroll
  - a. Thomas Wilson – some (of the vouchers) do not have signatures.
  - b. Robert Brack - motion to pay vouchers and the ones who have not been signed hold check until signed
  - c. Louis Linkel – seconds the motion
  - d. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- X. Public Transportation
  - a. Robert Brack motion to declare four vans at public transportation worth less than 500 dollars
  - b. Louis Linkel seconds the motion
  - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- XI. Adjourn
  - a. Robert Brack – motion to adjourn
  - b. Louis Linkel seconds the motion
  - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary  
Jessica Bunyard, News Examiner  
George Hartman, Engineer

Eric Roberts  
Doug Dagley, WTH  
Sharon Halcomb, Assessor

Marc Stringer  
Price Cox

Carla Austin, Whitewater Publications  
Mary Seufert, Recorder

To be approved June 26, 2006